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Special Events Planned at New River

BANDON, Ore. – The public is invited to come learn about insects, birds and poetry writing during a series of special events this summer at the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), south of Bandon, Oregon. The events are free of charge and open to all ages.

The events begin **Saturday, July 14** with a program on the dragonflies and damselflies of Oregon. The event will run from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Additional events planned at New River include:

From Bird to Word: Writing Poetry about the Natural Word **Saturday, July 28 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

A poetry reading and writing workshop led by Vicki Graham, resident of Elk River and Professor of English, Creative Writing and Environmental Studies at the University of Minnesota.

Birds of the New River Landscape **Saturday, August 18 – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Go on a naturalist led hike through the diverse coastal landscape in search of bird sights and sounds found at New River. Binoculars recommended.

Animal Tracks and Traces in the Dunes **Saturday, September 1 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

Join New River's resident naturalist on a hike through the shifting sand dunes in search of animal signs.

The Learning Center at New River is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibits in the center allow visitors to investigate the native plants and animals of the area before heading out on various trails at New River.

New River ACEC is located approximately 8.6 miles south of Bandon off of Highway 101. No dogs please. To obtain additional information, contact the BLM at (541) 756-0100 or visit the New River ACEC webpage at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/recreation/index.php

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